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## **Johan Björklund, Catella Holding, new APIS board member**

**At an APIS Extraordinary General Meeting today, Johan Björklund was appointed as a new member of the board. Johan Björklund is the financial director of Catella Holding and has long experience in the development of training companies. In June this year APIS made a directed share issue for SKr 100 million, of which Catella Holding subscribed for half.**

“I have come to know APIS as a well-managed company, with a strong business concept and a unique market position,” says Johan Björklund, financial director for Catella Holding. “I am looking forward to being a part of the company’s continued expansion.”

“Johan Björklund is going to further strengthen the board’s financial competence,” says Malcolm Sjö Dahl, chairman of the board at APIS. “He has more than ten years’ experience developing training companies in an international milieu.”

Besides Johan Björklund APIS’s board of directors consists of Malcolm Sjö Dahl (chairman of the board), Niklas Hallenberg, Fredi Hedenberg and Sven J. Sigling.

At the Meeting it was also decided to create an employee co-ownership programme and to change the company’s financial year to follow the calendar year.

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## **APIS in brief**

APIS is an international competence provider in Mobile Telecoms and Wireless Internet. APIS conducts supplier-independent training in all parts of the world. Clients are mobile telecoms operators, systems suppliers and consultancy firms with technically qualified personnel. APIS offers a wide variety of courses, from in-depth technical courses over several days in areas such as GSM, GPRS and UMTS to seminars on current topics such as WAP and IP.

Personnel from 250 (of approximately 400) mobile telecoms operators, suppliers and consultancy firms all over the world have thus far participated in APIS courses and seminars. Since its start in 1994, the business has had an annual growth of more than 100 per cent. The greatest growth is currently taking place on the European and American markets.

APIS currently has some 60 employees in three countries, with a 1999 turnover of nearly MSEK 40. The company anticipates rapid growth in the next few years and is planning to open new offices in Europe and the USA.

APIS is owned today primarily by its founders, management and personnel, as well as by investors such as Catella Holding, SEB Fonder and Grimaldi Industri.